

In the Claims

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A roulette style game apparatus having an indicia selecting means including a rotatable wheel having 49 or 50 selectable regions, each region associated with playing card indicia, and a means for randomly selecting one of the selectable regions of the wheel; and a wagering area adapted for positioning wagers concerning the indicia associated with the region selected by a single operation of the rotatable wheel whereby all selectable regions result in consistent profit.

Claim 2 (Original): The game apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the rotatable wheel is capable of rotation about a substantially vertical axis.

Claims 3-4 (Cancelled):

Claim 5 (Previously presented): The game apparatus according to claim 2 wherein the 49 regions and playing card indicia associated therewith corresponding to four different suits of the numbers 2 to 10 and Jack, Queen and King, and a single Ace, Joker or other wildcard.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): The game apparatus according to claim 2 wherein the 50 regions and playing card indicia associated therewith corresponding to four different suits of the numbers 2 to 10 and Jack, Queen and King, and two Jokers or two Aces or a Joker and an Ace or two other wildcards.

Claims 7-8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The game apparatus according to claim 1 further including a means for recording the outcome of one or more previous operations of the indicia selecting means.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): A method of effecting an economic outcome between one or more players and an operator in a roulette style game, which method includes using a roulette style game apparatus having an indicia selecting means including a rotatable wheel having 49 or 50 regions, each region associated with playing card indicia, and a means for randomly selecting a selectable region of the wheel; and a wagering area adapted for positioning wagers concerning the indicia associated to the region selected by a single operation of the rotatable wheel, the method including the steps of,

a) a wagering phase wherein each player providing a cash or token wager on the wagering area, the location of wager corresponding to one of the 49 or 50 regions and defining the win or lose conditions of that wager;

b) an operation phase after the wagering phase wherein the rotatable wheel is rotated and a ball is located on a rotating wheel, in a manner capable of randomly selecting one of the 49 or 50 regions of the wheel;

c) an outcome phase wherein the ball becomes located on one of the 49 or 50 regions of the wheel and thereby selects that region and indicia associated thereto;

d) a result phase after the outcome phase for each single operation of the indicia selecting means, wherein an assessment of each wager of each player is effected by comparing the selected indicia of the wheel to the win or lose conditions of the players wager and effecting a payment of cash or tokens in response to a result of the comparison; and

e) wherein the profit is consistent for all selectable regions.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): The method according to claim 10 when performed using the game apparatus according to claim 1.

Claim 12 (Original): The method according to claim 11 when the results phase includes an assessment as to whether the win or lose conditions of a jackpot wager have been fulfilled and effecting a payment of cash or tokens in response to the assessment.

Claim 13 (Original): The method of claim 12 wherein the win or lose conditions of the jackpot wager depend on the outcome of up to five consecutive operations of the game apparatus.

Claim 14 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein the win or lose conditions of the jackpot wager depend on whether the indicia selected by five consecutive operations of the game apparatus are equivalent to predetermined poker hands.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): An electronic roulette style game for effecting an economic outcome between a player of the game and the provider of the game, the game including the steps of:

a) a wagering phase wherein the player makes a wager by selecting a location in a wagering area, the location of wager defining the win or lose conditions of that wager;

b) an operation phase after the wagering phase wherein the player is electronically displayed a rotating wheel having 49 or 50 selectable regions, each region associated with

playing card indicia, and a ball located on a rotating wheel for identifying a randomly selecting region of the wheel;

c) an outcome phase wherein the ball is randomly located on one of the 49 or 50 regions of the wheel, to thereby display to the player the selected region and indicia associated thereto;

d) a result phase after the outcome phase for each single operation of the wheel wherein an assessment of each wager of the player is effected by comparing the selected indicia of the wheel to the win or lose conditions of the players wager and effecting a payment of cash or tokens in response to a result of the comparison; and

e) a consistent profit for all selectable regions.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): The game apparatus of claim 1, wherein the wagering area has marked zones for the placement of the wagers having different win and lose conditions.

Claims 17-19 (Cancelled).

Claim 20 (Previously presented): The game apparatus of claim 1 wherein the wagering area is on a table.